

THOUSANDS THROUG THE CUBAN FAIR.

Madison Square Garden
Filled with the Friends
of Freedom.

General Daniel E. Sickles Makes
the Opening Speech and
the Gayety Begins.

Cuban Maids Beset the Visitor, Leav-
ing Him Dollarless, but Happy
All the Same.

CONTEST FOR GOMEZ'S MACHETE.

Great Interest Excited by the Historic
Weapon—Fortune-Telling Gypsies
Have More Than They Can
Do—Other Features.

People to the number of 5,000 thronged
the aisles, booths and galleries of Madison
Square Garden last night at the opening of
the Cuban American Fair, that will last
all this week.

From roof, girders, and pillars shone the
Red, White and Blue, wound with the
single starred flag of the new Republic.

There were a thousand and one novel
schemes to lure the dollars from men's
pockets. There was the great sugar cane
rall, with its ten tons of cane from Cuba
which didn't come. Then there was the
cigar factory, stocked with finest Havana
tobacco, and a bevy of the prettiest Havana
girls that could be found. The native
Rollo or palm leaf hut was presided over
by Mrs. Aristides Agmon. The Cuban
prison sent a cold shudder over one, but it
was realistic and added to the interest of
the scene.

Perhaps the most attractive spot is the
picturesque Cuban Gypsy camp, where Mrs.
Rose Lenny, assisted by Princess Marqui-
ta la Gitanos, Mrs. Bargar and "the be-
witching Dio" told fortunes. There was no
scarcity of customers—the lack of Gypsies to
tell the fortunes was the trouble. There
will be more to-night.

Those who admired delicately beautiful
things could not have missed the prize
exhibit, Mrs. Harriet Van Aken, assisted
by a score of dancels, sold bushels of
flowers.

The two patriotic young ladies who vol-
unteered to write souvenir letters on type-
writing machines to aid the struggling
Cubans were kept tapping all evening.

The Daughters of the Revolution, headed
by Mrs. William F. Corford, in a bonnet
of Colonial style, had charge of the mili-
tary booth, where were sold murderous-
looking machetes, dolls patriotically
dressed, pictures of the Cuban heroes, bat-
tons of the various patriotic societies, bat-
tleaxes, coats of arms, etc.

Crowds never ceased to throng the door
of the sanitary tent, where fearless Mrs.
Lee Villard Hill, attired in trouser cos-
tume, exactly like that of the Cuban in-
surgent soldiers, showed the practice of
field hospital work. She is the woman who
is to be Cuba after the fair and nurse
the wounded patriots. She will be ac-
companied by Orderly Charles Schielein.

The New Republic, the daily official paper
of the fair, was circulated free of charge
among the thousands at the fair. One
tribute from the New Republic goes to the
have nurse referred to above. It is a
handsome silver-mounted bow-knife. An
energetic school-boy editor, Louis L. Ben-
kopf, who publishes "The Top" from
Graham School No. 20, gained many sub-
scriptions for the scholarship to Kane's
Business College, which went to the fair
through the Journal.

Benjamin Gomprecht had a fold of lambs
at the fair last night. He sold one gentle
little fellow to Hubert Vos, the artist, and
Paulding Farnham, Tiffany's designer.
They took it to the Lambs' Club and held a
banquet.

The Journal booth was surrounded all the
evening by people who pushed and jostled
each other for places to see the exhibit.
The booth of all its attractions was the
beautiful, jeweled sword, which this paper
had made by Tiffany & Co. to send to
Cuba to General Maximo Gomez, Com-
mander-in-Chief of the Army of the Cuban
Republic.

The contest for the machete of General
Gomez had a good start last night; the old
warrior surprised the Journal by sending
this valuable relic in return compliment
for the present to him. The Journal gives
this weapon to the fair and will present
it to that military officer who receives the
largest number of votes at 10 cents a vote.
Another attraction at the Journal booth
is the Big Book for the free and official
registry of visitors.

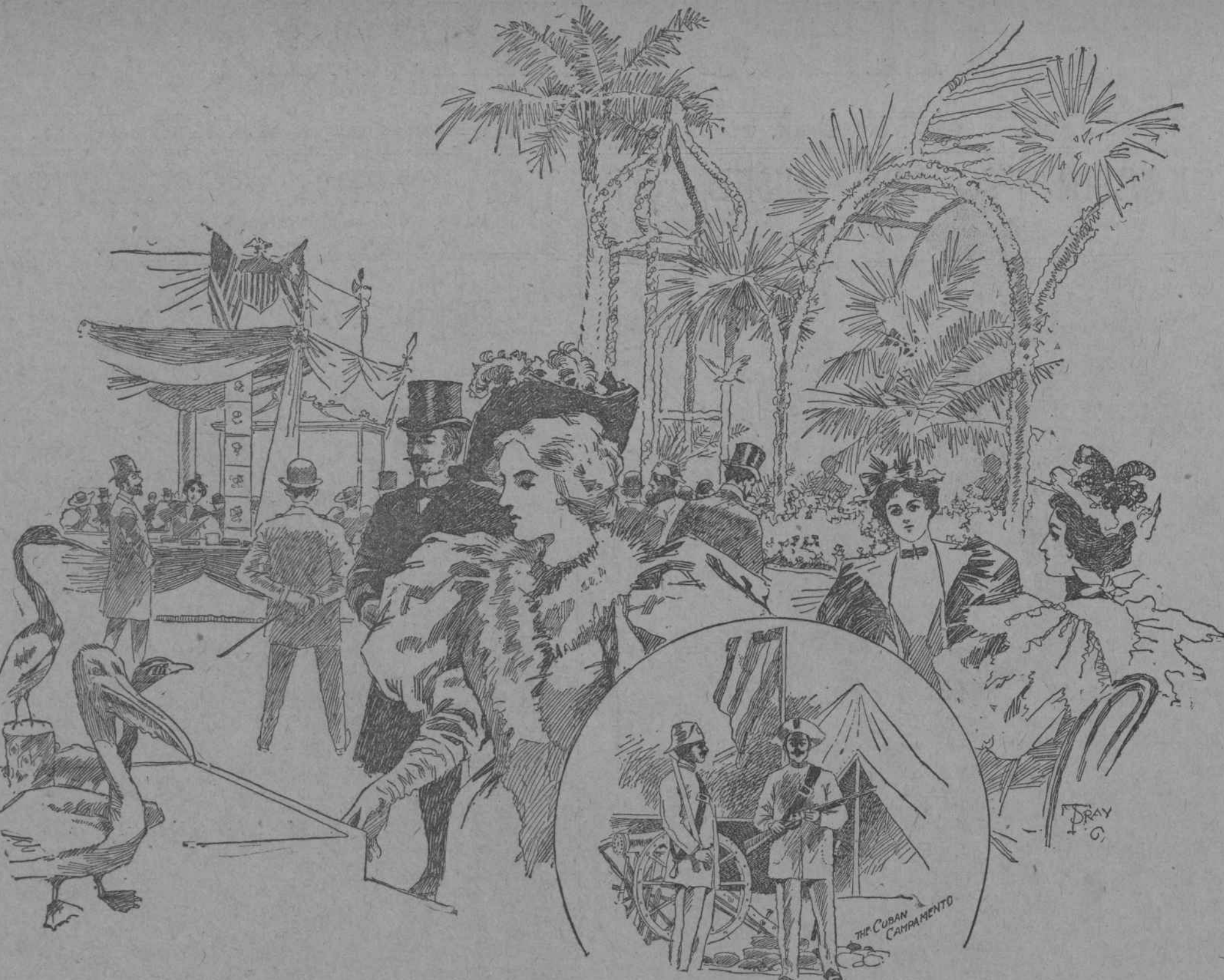
The Woman's Congress of Independence
and Patriotism was opened in the assembly
room by Mrs. E. F. Lewis, known in the
newspaper world as Margherita Arline Ham-
m. She introduced Senator Pierra, Chairman
of the fair committee. Mr. Pierra said that
success for Cuba was assured with woman
on the side of the country. Then Mrs.
Donald McLean, President of the Congress,
spoke. Rev. Phoebe Hanzford prayed.
Ellis Berg and her glees club sang and
Mrs. Gertrude Van Cortlandt Hamilton
spoke.

The Journal contest at 10:30 stood as
follows, for the battle sword of Gomez:
Capt. F. V. Grever, 126; Gen. Daniel Sickles, 7;
Capt. B. McLean, 125; Gen. Fred McGowan, 4;
Lieut. H. C. Dwyer, 52; Gen. Horace Porter, 4;
Capt. Dan Appleton, 43; Major Robert, 4;
Gen. Howard Carroll, 22; Major Simon, 4;
Capt. David Wilson, 12; Gen. Chas. C. 3;
Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, 15; Capt. Richard Leary, 3;
Gen. L. F. Frazier, 10; Lieut. John O'Brien, 3;
Adj. Gen. E. A. Mc, 3; Capt. Bob Evans, 3;
Lieut. John, 12; Lieut. Frank, 3; Lieut. George,
3; W. D. Wright, 8; Lieut. G. M. Bell, 1.

Professor Ramponne, the musical director
of the fair, yesterday arranged for young
Salo Fingerhut to appear at to-morrow
evening's concert. Herr Fingerhut is the
young man who on February 20 eloped from
Vienna with Marie Bloch, daughter of a
millionaire in Vienna. When they arrived
March 2 Fingerhut and Miss Bloch were ar-
rested as fugitives and taken to Ellis Island
for deportation. They were allowed to stay if
they were married. The ceremony took
place that day. Herr Fingerhut first ap-
peared in public as a pianist eight years
ago at the age of twenty years.

General Daniel E. Sickles formally opened
the fair, speaking after Mr. Pierra, Miss
Hammond and T. Estrada Palma.

Four Brooklyn Houses Burned.
A fire was discovered in a one-story frame
stable on Sixth-seventh street, near Third
avenue, South Brooklyn, last evening, and
within ten minutes the flames were out of
control, rapidly taking another alarm was
turned in, and the fire was not extin-
guished until three of the frame houses
adjoining the stable had been destroyed.
The damage is estimated at about \$15,000.
No one was injured.



A SCENE IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN LAST NIGHT AT THE CUBAN FAIR.

Thousands thronged the immense building, and Cuban maid s by scores were there to earn dollars for Cuba Libre. The entertaining features were countless, but the contest for the machete of General Gomez led in interest. The fair will last all the week.

PLUNGED FROM A TRAIN.

Conductor Damsenhour Says a
Woman Fell Off a Platform
into the Raritan.

From the High Bridge Near New
Brunswick, and She Must Have
Dropped Seventy Feet.

POLICE CANNOT FIND THE BODY.

They Are Inclined to Discredit the Cata-
strophe, but the Passengers Give
Corroboration to
the Story.

Whether the Raritan River holds the body
of a woman who is said to have plunged
from the 9:38 Philadelphia express as it
was crossing the high railroad bridge span-
ning the river and the canal, just out of
New Brunswick, N. J., Sunday night, is a
question over which the police are puzzling.
If so the river may soon reveal the mystery
of her identity, washing up the body some-
where between New Brunswick and Perth
Amboy, as it has those of others who have
fallen from the bridge. No one knows as yet
the woman's name.

The conductor of the express, Philip
Damsenhour, says a tall, well-built woman
of about thirty years, attracted his notice
just after the train left New Brunswick
on its way to this city. She was walking
toward the front door of the car. Damsen-
hour saw her open the door and go out
into the darkness.

The train was crossing the high bridge
as the woman stepped out on the platform
and closed the door. Then it suddenly oc-
curred to him, he says, how the wind was
blowing hard and that it was a daring
thing for a woman to venture there then,
and he started to follow her. When he
opened the car door she had disappeared.
He hurried forward, but the woman was
not there. Then he knew she had plunged
down seventy feet in the darkness, and
that even then the strong tide must have
borne her body far from the bridge.

Conductor Damsenhour pulled the cord
for the train to stop and the engineer slowed
up to just beyond the bridge. There was
a hurried search and inquiry. Passengers
sitting in the forward car assured the con-
ductor that he was the first person to en-
counter the train started from the depot.
Half an hour was spent searching for the
woman, but with no success.

The police were notified and Policeman
Joseph Kelly went to the river front and
secured a boat. He, with other men, rowed
in the vicinity of the bridge until daylight,
but nothing was revealed. All day long
the canal and river were dragged with long
hooks by boatsmen hired by the railroad, but
their search was in vain.

A travelling salesman said yesterday
morning that he saw a tall, handsome
woman dressed in black and considerably
agitated at the depot early in the even-
ing, and she inquired the way to the
bridge. She was directed to the Albany
street bridge.

As described by the conductor, the
woman whom he says fell from the train
was dressed in black.

A woman dressed in black and like the
one who lurched the way to the Albany
street bridge was seen sitting in the wait-
ing room of the New Brunswick depot just
before the arrival of the 9:38 train.

The police generally discredit the story of
the catastrophe, having been unable to find
the body after diligent search.

NEWS OF THE THEATRES.

Lady Sholto Douglas Appears at Pastor's
—Magician Keller Performs
Many Clever Feats.

Lady Sholto Douglas, wife of the Mar-
quis of Queensberry's third son, made her
New York debut on the stage of Tony
Pastor's Theatre yesterday. She is a pretty
girl of the brunette type, vivacious in
manner and rather plump as to figure. She
wore her hair off her forehead, and en-
raptured in her raven tresses were the fa-
mous pearls said to have been presented
to her by her noble mother-in-law. Her
back hair hung in a single braid.

Lady Douglas was greeted with enthusi-
astic applause as she stepped on the stage.
She seemed perfectly at her ease and
smiled joyously at the audience. Her first
song was "Went You Play House with
Me?" a childish ditty on the order of "I
Don't Want to Play in Your Yard." Her
voice is sweet, but not powerful and is
contralto in tone.

She responded to an encore with "The
Modern Ideal Girl," a meaningless ballad
which, however, showed her voice to better
advantage. The third effort in her col-
lection was "The Daughter of Officer
Porter." Between verses the latest addi-
tion to the British nobility danced a few
steps gracefully.

Several bouquets were handed over the
footlights to her and her reception on the
New York stage was flattering, but not
over-enthusiastic.

Keller, the magician, assisted by his
wife, began an engagement at Daly's The-
atre last night with some new and old feats
of sleight-of-hand and illusions. He gave
an entertaining performance, which was
marred somewhat by the erratic footlights.
They burned brightly one minute and went
out the next, greatly embarrassing the
performer. Mrs. Keller repeated her "light-
ning calculation" feat and her wizard hus-
band introduced a novelty in the "Oriental
wonder" line. A cabinet wheeled upon the
stage was closed with curtains for a min-
ute. Then it opened it contained five peo-
ple. There were many other equally inter-
esting feats which stamped the performer
as one of the most clever in his particular
line.

RAID ON A POOL ROOM.

Thirty-Five Men Made Prisoners in the
Apartments of the Albany
Fishing Club.

Through an anonymous letter the police
of the East Twenty-second Street Station
recently learned that a pool room was in
operation over the saloon of Michael Kelly,
No. 350 Third avenue. Policemen Cron and
Kahn were detailed to collect evidence.
Cron, after vainly trying to get inside of
the place, at length conceived a novel plan.
He had a woman acquaintance write the
name of Frank Moran on an envelope and
enclosing perfumed note paper, he entered
the Twenty-sixth street entrance to the
place and asked that the note be given to
the man to whom it was addressed. No
such man was known, of course, but Cron
gained a view of the interior. He reported
what he had seen to Captain Smith and
yesterday afternoon the latter started, with
twenty-five men in plain clothes, to raid
the room. Three were sent to the roof to
guard against escapes through the scuttles,
and when everything was ready the word
was given to go ahead. The police dashed
through the East Twenty-sixth street en-
trance and up to the first floor. They acted
so quickly that they were inside and in pos-
session of the premises before any one could
interfere.

The prisoners, numbering thirty-five,
were marched to the station house, Thomas
Barnard, of No. 60 West One Hundred and
Thirty-fourth street, and John Lawlor, of
No. 63 Catharine street, whose names were
inscribed on the tickets and charts that
were seized, were held in \$1,000 bail. The
others were held in \$500 bail and charged
with disorderly conduct.

The room is occupied by Sundays by mem-
bers of the Albany Fishing Club. This
organization was incorporated soon after
the failure of the law. Each mem-
ber had a key. The initiation fee was \$1.

The police found no telegraph instru-
ments in the place, but there was a private tel-
ephone over which the entries and results
of the races were received.

In the raid Captain Smith was severely
hurt by being hurled violently against the
knob of a door.

STRONGER EVIDENCE OF HERMAN'S GUILT.

False Teeth of One of His Al-
leged Victims Found in the
Church Furnace.

Proof Also Obtained Showing That
He Did Not Send Away Miss
Samuelson's Clothes.

SOLD THEM TO ANOTHER WOMAN.

Possibility That the Body of One of the
Missing Girls Was Packed in a
Box and Shipped to
Another City.

Salt Lake City, Utah, May 25.—Among
the sensational developments in the Scan-
dnavian Methodist Church to-day was the
finding of two false teeth with metallic
rivets attached to them. These relics fur-
nish the first absolute identification to the
remains of the Clausen girl. When the
charred remains were taken from the fur-
nace the officers were surprised that nothing
but the few bones remained.

Miss Clausen's friends say that she wore
a plate with five or six teeth, and after
a thorough examination of the furnace to-
day one front tooth with metallic rivets
was found among the clinders and ashes.
The sack of ashes taken from the furnace
on Wednesday night when the horrible dis-
covery was made, was sifted and one more
tooth found.

The efforts of the excavating party, sent
by Chief of Police Pratt to the basement
of the church early this morning, were am-
ply rewarded. A great deal of earth was
dug up and a number of bones found, but
most of them were in such condition that
it was impossible to decide whether they
were human or not.

MORE EVIDENCE FOUND.

A certain spot of what appeared to be
"made earth" soil that looked as though it
had been disturbed recently was found in
the coal chute. About fourteen inches be-
low the surface a woman's shoe, minus the
upper, was found, after removing more dirt
a pair of overalls was found. These, the
tenants of the church say, Rev. Mr. Her-
man, the suspected murderer, always wore
when working in his laboratory. The over-
alls were blood-stained in almost every
part.

Edward Johnson, the young man whose
room was heated to such a high degree of
temperature the day the minister started
the big fire in the furnace, declares that
Herman had them on when the latter was
met by him on the basement stairway,
with a sack under his arm. He said he
also wore a jumper of the like material at
the same time. But all efforts to find these
articles of clothing were futile. Then
came a piece of corroborative evidence in
the furnace ashes, which, on being sifted,
were found to contain the requisite num-
ber of steel buttons for a jumper, and the
strong point is that the buttons correspond
exactly with those on the blood saturated
articles.

BOLD MISS CLAUSEN'S CLOTHES.

Captain Donovan and Detective Janney
to-day found the second-hand dealer, a Mrs.
Engelman, who bought Miss Clausen's
clothes from Herman. She has, of course,
disposed of the various articles to unknown
people. She says she went to the pastor's

study at his request to look at the things,
which George Smith, an expressman, to-
gether with Mrs. Engelman's son, after-
ward removed to her store. This discovery
completely disproves Herman's story of
having sent the trunk to Miss Clausen at
her request.

The officers are at present trying to clear
up the mystery in regard to a large box
that Herman had made at a lumber
dealer's in this city, for which he paid
\$4.75. It has been demonstrated almost
beyond a doubt that Miss Samuelson, the
second young woman, was neither cremated
nor buried in the cellar. The officers think
the preacher may have done precisely what
the murderers of Clausen did when they
shipped his body to Chicago.

On the morning of January 20 John Han-
sen, the old Methodist minister, declared
that he met Herman in the church at a
very early hour. The pastor seemed men-
tally disturbed, and was perspiring freely.
Hansen thought it strange that he would
be stirring so early, and that he should
be so troubled, and questioned his con-
cerning it. He explained matters saying
that he had been to the depot with Miss
Samuelson, who had gone to Ogden.

Thinks He Saw the Missing Man.

Chicago, May 25.—O. W. Oliver is certain
that Pastor Herman was in Chicago last
Saturday afternoon. Oliver, who is not
acquainted with the much-wanted minister,
covering the newspaper descriptions of
Saturday on Saturday on the corner of
Sixty-fourth street and Stony Island ave-
nue.

Herman, or the man whom Oliver took
for him, wore the clerical garb, and had red
hair and a red mustache. He carried a
small travelling bag and looked travel-
stained. "Which is the best way to reach
the city?" he asked of Oliver. The direc-
tion was pointed out, after which the sup-
posed Herman turned and walked rapidly
away.

Chicago police have all been pro-
vided with a minute description of Herman
and are searching the city for him.

PALMER WANTS TO GIVE UP.

Asks to Be Released from the Garden
Theatre Management.

A. M. Palmer wants to get rid of the
Garden Theatre. It has not been a profit-
able investment for him, and during his two
years' tenancy he has had many failures at
that playhouse.

Yesterday Mr. Palmer made a proposition
to the directors of the Madison Square
Garden Company to release him from his
management of the theatre. Up to a late
hour last night he had received no reply
from them.

Mr. Palmer is at present in Stamford,
Conn. When communicated with by tele-
phone last night he confirmed the news of
his proposition, but declined to give any
particulars. He said he had long been de-
sirous of giving up the theatre. He could
not tell who would be his successor, nor
could any of the directors be found last
night.

The most successful play produced at the
Garden Theatre under Mr. Palmer's man-
agement was "Trilby." Next to it was
"1492," which first gave to New Yorkers
living pictures. Mr. Palmer succeeded T.
Henry French as manager.

Only Gold Men Will Do.

The Executive Committee of the German-
American Bond Money League was in ses-
sion behind closed doors in the rooms of
the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. It
was decided to adopt the circular agreed
upon at the conference of May 22, with
an amendment which requires that no
Presidential candidate be supported by the
League unless he is unflinchingly for the
gold standard.

Wrecked Mariners Here.

The first and second mate and six of the
crew of the bark America, which was
wrecked on Catalina Island, Santo Do-
mingo, on May 8, arrived in this port yes-
terday on the Clyde liner New York, from
West Indian ports. The bark was car-
ried ashore by a strong current and is a
total loss. The crew landed in the boat.
The America was built at Madison, Conn.,
in 1871, and registered 337 tons.

CRUSHING BLOW TO SPANISH ARMS.

Strong Body of Troops Prac-
tically Wiped Out
Near Cubitas.

Disastrous Result of a Second
Attempt to Take the Seat of
Insurgent Government.

Royal Forces, Compelled to Flee
in Disorder, Are Viciously
Slaughtered.

REBELS CAPTURE THEIR EQUIPMENT.

Fate of This Expedition Will Probably
Forever Deter Captain-General
Weyler from Attempt-
ing Another.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 25.—Advices
have reached here from a reliable source in
Cuba to the effect that a strong body of
Spanish troops recently made a second at-
tempt to invade Cubitas, the seat of the
Cuban Government, and were again re-
pulsed.

They were ambushed in the mountain
fastnesses and sustained a crushing defeat.
The Spaniards were compelled to flee in dis-
order, abandoning their equipments on the
field, and were literally slaughtered by the
insurgents.

The advices further show that a filibuster-
ing expedition having large quantities of
munitions of war has landed at a place to
the eastward of Santiago de Cuba.

Cubitas, the seat of the Government of
the Republic of Cuba, is situated in the
range of mountains of the same name, some
of the peaks of which are among the high-
est on the island, in the north of the cen-
tral part of the Province of Puerto Prin-
cipe.

It was selected by reason of its ab-
solutely invulnerable position. Not only
are the advantages of its location suffi-
cient to enable the large garrison station-
ed there to hold the place against a
much superior force, but the approaches,
by reason of the nature of the country, and
the strong guards that are rigidly main-
tained at every vital point, wellnigh pre-
clude the possibility of an invading force
reaching the holy of holies of the Cuban
Republic.

The only other attempt that was made
after long preparation and scheming to
capture Cubitas, which was early in the
present year, resulted no less ignominiously
for the royal troops, though the present oc-
casion seems to have been attended by far
greater loss of life to them. On the first
occasion a mere handful of Cubans was
able to repel the attack of a large body
and the attempt to reach Cubitas, for the
storming of which they were abundantly
provided with the most formidable engines
of modern warfare, was abandoned in
despair by the Spanish commander virtu-
ally at its very outset. The disastrous fate
of the second expedition will probably de-
ter Captain-General Weyler from ever
sending another.

With the Marquis of Santa Lucia, Sal-
vador Clausen, Betancourt, of Puerto
Principe, President of the Republic of Cuba,
at Cubitas, are all the members of his Cab-
inet with one exception, Joaquin Castillo, of
Santiago, Sub-Secretary of the Treasury,
who is now in New York. The others are
Bartolome Masso, of Manzanillo, Vice-Presi-
dent; Carlo Roloff, of Santa Clara, Secre-
tary of War; Severo Pina, of Sancti Spiritus,
Secretary of the Treasury; Santiago Garcia
Cantizares, of Remedios, Secretary of the In-
terior; Rafael M. Portuondo, of Santiago de
Cuba, Secretary of Foreign Relations; Mario
Menocal, of Matanzas, Sub-Secretary of
War; Carlos Dubois, of Baracoa, Sub-Sec-
retary of the Interior, and Fernan Valdes
Domínguez, of Havana, Sub-Secretary of
Foreign Relations.

They were elected September 18, 1895,
by the members of the Constituent Assem-
bly, which met at Jimaguayú, Province of
Puerto Principe, and shortly after duly
established the Government at Cubitas, that
collects taxes, enforces laws and has juris-
diction generally over a far larger portion
of Cuba—virtually all of the island, with
the exception of the large seaports and a
few of the larger inland cities and their
immediate vicinity—than the Kingdom of
Spain.

STARVING IN THE STREETS.

Mother and Four Children Found De-
serted, and Are Cared For.

The attention of the Cared Society was
called to the family of Paul Jaros, of No.
257 Third street, last Thursday. They had
been deserted.

The family consists of four boys, aged
nine, seven, four years and eleven months
respectively. Agent Weidling found the
mother and children yesterday standing at
Tenth street and Avenue A. The mother
admitted that they were suffering for food.
She said that for three years past her hus-
band had neglected her and deserted them,
and had been drinking heavily.

In the Essex Market Court yesterday
three of the children were committed to the
Five Points House of Industry. The infant
was left in the mother's care. A Miss San-
derson gave them a temporary refuge at her
home, No. 248 East Tenth street.

Tone

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ness, dull headache, sleeplessness, loss of
appetite. Your blood needs to be cleansed,
enriched and fitted to supply nourishment
to the organs, nerves and muscles of the
body. Pure blood is the great need of
thousands now, and

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